

# DoD Pharmacoeconomic Center Newsletter

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Pharmacoeconomic Center, Pharmacy Operations Center,  
and Pharmacy Outcomes Research Team**

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## Upcoming activities At the PEC

The Department of  
Defense (DoD) Pharmacy  
& Therapeutics (P&T)  
Committee meeting:  
5-6 November 2009

The Pharmacoeconomic Center (PEC) is a Joint Service Center of Army, Navy, Air Force and civilian personnel, comprised of physicians, pharmacists, pharmacy technicians, data analysts, customer service representatives, and support personnel. Located at Fort Sam Houston, TX, the PEC is part of the TRICARE Pharmaceutical Operations Directorate.

The PEC:

- ◆ Evaluates the clinical and cost effectiveness of drug therapy to support the DoD P&T Committee formulary decision-making process
- ◆ Implements and maintains the DoD pharmacy benefit
- ◆ Assesses the outcomes of drug therapy to improve patient care and provide a feedback loop for the DoD P&T Committee

The Pharmacy Operations Center (POC) was established to provide operational support throughout the Military Health System to everyone involved in the process of dispensing outpatient prescriptions; at Military Treatment Facilities, Tricare Mail Order, and Retail networks.

The POC:

- ◆ Supports Pharmacy Data Transaction Service (PDTS) users
- ◆ Pharmacy Data Transaction Service (PDTS) Data Warehouse
- ◆ PDTS reports
- ◆ Data integrity
- ◆ MTF Formulary
- ◆ Prescription Medication Analysis and Reporting Tool (PMART)
- ◆ Warriors in Transition (WTU)
- ◆ Deployment Prescription Program (DPP)

The Pharmacy Outcomes Research Team (PORT) was established to plan, perform, support, and publish research on the outcomes of drug therapy in the Military Health System and conduct research to support and assess the outcomes of formulary management decisions on Department of Defense beneficiaries.

Published articles:

Formulary Management in the Department of Defense (Mar 2003), available at link:  
[www.amcp.org/data/jmcp/march09.pdf](http://www.amcp.org/data/jmcp/march09.pdf).

Trends in Prescription Drug Utilization and Spending for the Department of Defense (2002-2007), (Sept 2009), available at link:  
[www.amsus.org/journal](http://www.amsus.org/journal)

## Prescription Medication Analysis and Reporting Tool (P-MART)

### P-MART STATISTICS:

- Launched in June 2002
- Served 1.2 million service members
- Completed reports: 322 Army, 122 Navy, 34 Air Force, 13 Marine, & 1 Coast Guard
- Identified 256,828 (21%) service members who were taking high-risk medications

Current as of  
September 2009

The Prescription Medication Analysis Reporting Tool was developed to provide a comprehensive database of medication information to healthcare providers about deploying service members prior to deployment. The database is a menu-driven Microsoft Access application, which is only accessible to the healthcare provider of the deploying unit.

PMART provides the following information:

- Prescription data from all points of service
- Identifies high-risk individuals
- Identifies potential alternative medication available in theater
- Provide analysis of drug use for the purposes of refining medication supply lists

For more information on the PMART tool, please visit our website at:

[www.pec.ha.osd.mil](http://www.pec.ha.osd.mil)

For specific questions about the PMART tool, please feel free to contact the P-MART team at:

[P-MART@amedd.army.mil](mailto:P-MART@amedd.army.mil)  
or call the POC at 1-866-275-4732, option 8

## Warriors in Transition Prescription Medication Analysis and Reporting Tool (WTU P-MART)

The Warriors in Transition Prescription Medication Analysis Reporting Tool was developed in order to support the "Warriors in Transition High-Risk Medication Review and the Sole Provider Program." This application provides the WTU healthcare provider with medication information and identifies potential at-risk patients, and compliance to the sole provider program. The database is only accessible to healthcare providers who are involved with the care of a WTU service member.

The WTU P-MART provides the following information:

- Prescription data on the WTU service member from all points of service
- Identifies high-risk individuals
- Specialized medication reports focused on high risk medications (i.e., narcotic use, sleep aids, etc.)

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